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# Government Takes Over Railroads and May Operate Telegraph and Telephone

curities issued under his approval and

Legislation to Be Recommended

The legislation which will be recom

the roads should remain subject to all

commerce

The association of state railway

commissioners will give full support

Status of Express Companies

The status of the railroads'

Cut Presidents' Salaries.

cirtually drafted for war work.

Brotherhoods Asked to Co-operate.

the brotherhood heads to give the full-

general untangles many of the compli-

One of the immediate effects of the

McAdoo to Assemble Staff.

ployes unorganized.

Rolling stock owned by

aries for actual taking over the rail-roads by the government at noon to-securities' interest rates. It will also morrow moved forward swiftly today be his duty to determine when the and overshadowed all other wwar ac- government should purchase new selivities in the capital.

Although approved by the great ma-jority of railroad men, there was ities from interfering with future is some disposition toward criticism in sues of Liberty bonds without necessi-congress, principally on the ground tating actual government financing of that the congress proposed to allow the railroads the railroads too much, but there was Legislatio no indication that the president's plan would be seriously opposed and every-thing was prepared for enacting nec-the roads should remain subject to all essary laws quickly after the president explains the situation soon in an interstate

Many members of the house and to the situation believe the directorpredicted that the step was general will not modify the existing only the beginning of government op-order radically at first but eventually eration and control and that it would will go far toward centralizing authoroon extend to telegraph and tele. ity under the federal government phone lines, if not indeed to the distribution of life's necessaries.

Director-General McAdoo spent the to the new plan so long as their in intensive study of problems tions are not reduced materially but which must be solved at the outset, they are expected to protest against President Wilson conferred with the being deprived of adjusting minor heads of the four great railway broth- questions of rates and rules, within erhoods. It appeared probable that the their territories latest demand for increases in pay Status of E would be handled by a committee of managers, to be appointed by Mr. the status of express companies under

The interstate commerce commit- not be fully determined. Naturally they tees in congress began a survey of will be under very close government the legislation they will prepare to control since most of their transporta carry the president's plans into effect, tion traffic is dependent upon railroads

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- One of the companies which is comparatively litfirst acts of the government in begin- tle, will pass automatically under dining operation of railroads will be to real government supervision and even reduce large salaries now being paid tually it may be necessary for Mr. Mc to the railway executives and increase Adoo to take them over to in some measure the wages of the rail- their own rights as well as to

vav workers Securities to be issued while the with railroads and with each other. government is in control will be at inrates not less than 4 per cent board also is dependent on the direcand the issues will be made under tor-general's plan of organization. It joint authority of the director-general has been the medium of transmitting lence of uncertainty as to the and the interstate commerce commis-

# President to Ask for Power

President Wilson when he outlines the government's plans in his forthcoming address to congress will that the government be empowered to the first acts of the director-general buy any quantity of new railroad se-'All earnings over and above an amount to be agreed upon will go discussed as a maximum. Some railto the government.

Congress will be asked also to appropriate a large fund—probably \$200, 000,000-for the immediate supply of rolling stock to handle the flood traffic which has swamped the roads.

The director-general will have authority to decide whether the government shall also assume operation and Wilson, and also of other railroad em-

control of the express companies. President Wilson will recommend to congress that the railroads be guaran teed the average net income of the three years ending June 30, 1917, but any railroad may abide by its constitutional right and refuse to accept this demand for higher wages for determibody, the precise nature of which cations now developing. Under gov-

# is to be determined by congress.

Expect to Save by Centralizing. used to pay any deficit of earnings this but it is considered inevitable that tern 7% points to 104. year under the pre-war average or the some employes will be cut off. This aphave given the situation close study maintained by many railroads for sobelieve it may be unnecessary to ex- liciting traffic pend any great sum in this way. They believe that the government by eliminating wasteful competition and un- much freight now passing over connecessary expenses under a common gested lines, particularly in the west control can save hundreds of millions The railroad war board has sought to and utilities Some officials even esti- divert traffic to lines least overburden- cluding telephone mate that the saving will be a billion dollars a year and that the government hampered it. will be able to garner revenue from e government operation plan in addition to insuring railroad securities staff of assistants soon but probably

holders against loss. dends exceeding the guarantee will re- large extent. vert to the government, congress will The name of John Skelton Williams be asked to make provision for rail- now the comptroller of the currency roads, whose pre-war earnings were and one of Mr. McAdoo's principal uted to the higher rates assured by the abnormally low by authorizing the lieutenants in the treasury, is being dominion government. of mentioned today as chief executive di payment of dividends in excess e amounts on approval of the inrecton under Mr McAdoo. He former terstate commerce commission.

ing to the interstate commerce com-

mission for final sanction. The com

ly was a railroad financier. Secretary McAdoo worked today on Roads to Provide Securities. Railroads will continue to provide the principal problems confronting for their own issues of securities but him at the outset and planned to make some announcement later of his poli will be compelled to obtain the approval of the director general before go- cies.

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VIOLATES DRUG ACT. mission will pass on the size of the issue and the director-general will determine the interest rate which could Bradley, said to be a Los Angeles' phynot be 4 per cent under the proposed sician, is under arrest here today on according to a statement today of W. plan

the charge of violating the Harrison L. Hathaway, chairman of this divis-In his dual position of secretary of anti-narcotic drug act. He was taken ion, which includes California, Arizona constituent assembly have been adthe treasury and director-general of at a downtown hotel.

# IS MAN TO FEAR



J L OBRIAN

Spies in America have reason to fear this man. He is rated as one of the ablest lawyers in the country. He is in charge of the war activities of the department of justice, under Attorney General Gregory. O'Brian is a Republican and was district attorney of New York under the Taft administra-tion but politics cut no ice when Gregory called on him fer war

# existing laws and regulations of the Those who have given careful thought

President's Decision to Take Over Railroads Brings Wave of Satisfaction.

Until Mr. McAdoo outlines his plans, STANDARD SHARES JUMP

### government operation of railroads will Railroad List Bid Up Furiously From Bottom to Top at Opening.

Wilson's proclamation taking over control of railroads with guarantees as to earnings was reflected in Wall in the region norm of Santo treet today by one of the most sensational advances in stocks seen in years. Four months prices have been of co-operation War reached the lowest levels in their history. The news that earnings were to be guaranteed and that the prevagovernment orders to all the railroads of railroads was at an end, acted like but this function now will be assumed a sharp spur to a jaded horse.

The market leaped forward at the The presidents of many large lines now receive salaries ranging from there were recessions later the buying continued strong and vigorous.

probably will be to cut these sharply. effected at the expense of a formidable ren thousand dollars a year is being short interest. This faction rushed to cover at the opening and was kept road men predicted that the officers busy throughout the active first hour. would accept these reductions willingly in view of the fact that they are proximated 400,000 shares.

The savings in salaries would be ap-NEW YORK, Dec. 27 -Stocks soar piled to the raising of pay of members ed at the opening of the stock market of the four railway brotherhoods whose today, denoting the satisfaction of the officers conferred today with President financial community with the presi dent's decision to take over the rail-

The president was expected to ask York Central advanced 71/2 points to est measure of support to government operation and to leave their pending 16: basis of compensation. In that case nation in the future when the director-cific 814 to 112; Southern Railway 214

to 241 St. Paul jumped 11% points to 48; ernment control every effort will be Atchison 916 to 8716; Delaware & made to interfere as little as possible Hudson 8 points to 100; Canadian Pa The equipment fund will also be with the personnel of the companies cinc 4 points to 134; Norfolk & Wes

amount agreed upon, but officials who plies particularly to the large staffs terday made a new low record, recorded a gain of 17 points. Delaware & Hudson later jumped another 6 points making a total advance of 14

new plan will be the re-routing of points within about ten minutes The advance spread to all the other parts of the list-including war shares The latter issues, in and ed but anti-pooling regulations have stocks, strengthened perceptibly as a result of being embraced in the gen- by the central powers in a statement eral order of the president's proplama-

Mr. McAdoo is expected to develop a tion. will use the existing agencies of the caused recessions of 2 to 5 points Russia's allies also recognized them

> The advances in Canadian Pacific and its subsidiary "Soo," were attrib-

# **COAST MAKES GREAT**

tions that the Pacific Division's quota agreed to the terms Russia preferred of 447,000 of the 10,000,000 to be obtained by the American Red Cross in conference. "Does your boy complain abstrict discipline in the army?" "No." said Mr. Cobbles. its Christmas campaign would be exceeded 200,000 has been fully realized, to placate their opponents. Seven lege. He had a coach who wouldn't

Violent Bombarding of French Lines on Verdun Front.

# Eleven Austro-German married Captain E Airplanes Brought Down by British and Italians.

PARIS, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—The able to break through. Germans made two attacks on the Verdun front today but were not able break through the French lines, the war office reports.

The statement follows "On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the enemy, after a very violent bombardment, made two attacks on our positions at Caurieres wood. He was not able to break through our lines and left many dead lord.

"There was heavy artillery fighting for the past week in the region north of St. Quentin and sunk, 11 of more than 1600 tons. 'Macedonian front: On December 25

ome hostile artillery activity

and east of Ypres," Field Marshal Haig reported today to the British war of fice, "there was nothing to report last PARIS, Dec. 27 .- In the week end

of more than 1600 tons and one of less than that tonnage were sunk by sub-Much of the early advances were marines and mines. No fishing vessels LYONDON, Dec. 27.-The Putiloff

works, employing 30,000 men, and the Petrograd Metallurgical works, employing 8000, have begun to pay their men, according to a Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd.

LONDON, Dec. 27 .- Ukranian forcaccording to a report received from Petrograd, have occupied the head-In the railroad list, all the standard Eleventh armies on the Rumanian and officials here to feel some apprehenshares were bid up furiously. New southwestern fronts. Those who re-71; New Haven 2½ to 29; Eric 2¾ to guns and rifles was seized. The Uk-great disposition to feel that the ob-16; "Soo" 4 to 81; Reading 2¾ to 70½; rainians have occupied the station at ject of the German plenipotentiaries Brailoff and disarmed the guards.

Delaware & cadets have engaged the garrison there ing the German people to believe that for two days with alternating success.

> German alrelanes have been brought man lines in the west-down by the British and the Italian One condition regard forces in a big aerial battle which de- ble, for the present at least, is that unsuccessful attempt to bomb Treviso, be secured to the peace the Germans 16 miles north of Venice. Announce. ment to this effect was made officially it can become effective.

# Review of War Situation.

Virtual acceptance of the peace terms offered by Russia was made ssued to the peace conference Tuesday by Count Czernin, the Austro-Profit taking in the first ten minutes Hungarian foreign minister, provided Although in most cases earned divi- interstate commerce commission to a among the stocks making greatest and carry them out honestly towards the Central powers.

Peace without forcible annexations and indemnities is agreeable to the ence. Central powers and they will conclude a general peace immediately on conlitions equally just to all the belligerents. The return of Germany's lost colonies is made an essential part of the German condition

Allies Ignore Bolsheviki, Allies up to this time have not recog-SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 .- Predic- nized the Bolsheviki government or

mitted to the council off national com- Herald.

AIDS WAR RELIEF



MRS MJGEVANS.

Mrs. M. J. G. Evans is devoting her talent as an actress to assisting various war relief funds in England. She was Camille Clifford. the actress, before her marriage to Hon. Lyndhurst Bruce who was killed early in the war. She then married Captain Evans of the

sia is called. The Bolsheviki still retain ten members in the council. Military Operations. Military operations are confined

generally to the Italian northern front. Snow has fallen along the British front in France. ports three attacks on the Verdun front but say the Germans were un-

After recapturing last positions on the Col del Rosso and Monte de Hal Bella the Italians were unable to hold The Austro-Germans have been dence lost in the war, unable to follow up their initial suc-cess in the region west of the Brenta. The question of the subjection of nationalities who have not political Admiral Sir John Jellicoe has been

is succeeded by Admiral Sir Rosslyn British merchant shipping losses

outset, prices jumping 5 to 18 points above yesterday's close and although ing December 22 one French steamer Conditions Surrounding Count that the other belligerents join in the peace negotiations within a cer-Czernin's Proposals Cause tain time.

Apprehension for Sincerity.

### Position of United States Government Not Changed in Any Respect.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- The conditions surrounding Count Czernin's rights would be protected in a general quarters of the Fourth, Eighth and proposals for a basis of peace cause peace treaty. sisted were disarmed and a quantity of sion for their sincerity. There is a is simply to protract the negotiations A telegram received in Petrograd as long as possible without any ex-from Tomsk reports fighting in pectation of an immediate peace agree-Irkutsk, Siberia, Cossacks and military ment with the double purpose of leadtheir government really is desirous of making peace and of giving time for the further strengthening of the Ger-

One condition regarded as impossiveloped when the Teutons made an the adherence of all belligerents must can be made the base of such a peace, This is accompanied by a demand for the rethe possession of Russia's allies.

the position of the American govern- conquest. ment is not changed in any respect with its determination not to enter (onle) countries in programs which does not represent the free will again that for the sake of conquest of the governed. of any hope the Germans might have day. The governments of the allies

As for the German colonies, Lloyd-George recently declared that was a stop the war on these terms.

Peace conference subject.

All Allies Must Agree

No provision is made in Count Czer-No provision is made in Count Czernin's proposals for the return of Alsace-Lorraine which is regarded here
as a condition that must be met as a

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and the proposals of the Russian delegation could be realized. The United States and the Entente preliminary to any peace agreement.

# PREVIOUS TRAINING.

"Does your boy complain about the The Bolsheviki are taking measures played football when he was in colaccording to a statement today of W. members of the Social Revolutionist stand any foolishness or back talk, and will recognize and carry out these party which has a majority of the I guess it comes natural for him to terms bonestly orders." - Birmingham Age.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—The central garding the six clauses proposed by powers, Count Czerin, the Austro-Hun-the Russian delegation as a basis of garian foreign minister, told the peace conference at Brest Litovsk yesterday, solemnly declare their resolve to sign immediate terms which will terminate the war on conditions equaljust to al belligerents. The cenelves to such terms without a guarantee that Russia's allies would recognize them and carry them out jointly "Clause 2—It is not the purpose to toward the central powers.

Count Czernin declared central powers believed that the basic war, peace principles uttered by the Rus- "Clause 3-The question of subjecians could be the base of such a tion to that, or the other country peace. He said they shared Russia's those nationalities who have not poli-condemnation of a continuation of the war for the sake of conquest. those nationalities who have not poli-tical independence cannot, in the opinion of the powers of the quadruple

All Belligerents Must Join. It is necessary to indicate most clearly, the count added, that the Russian proposals could be realized only in the event that all belligerents ob ligated themselves to adhere to the terms of such a peace.

The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister declared that the central pow-tion of the rights of minorities consti-ers did not intend to forcibly annex tutes an essential part of the right of territories seized during the war nor to peoples to self-definition, indicated by deprive nations of political indepen- a constitution

removed as British first sea lord and must be met by each government and by war. In accordance with this, each Wemyss who has been second sea by the constitution of that govern

show 12 ships right of peoples to self-definition. In the event of a mutual refusal to of international law. made prisoner and damages caused fore the expiration of a certain time. to property of civilian subjects by de-liberate violations of international law on the part of the adversary. The purpose, as suggested by Russia, could be discussed only in the event that the other belligerents join in

Russian Chairman Gratified. The chairman of the Russian delegaion expressed gratification at German willingness to make peace with HUNS' DOUBLE PURPOSE out annexations and indemnities and with the self-definition of peoples. He demurred, however, at the German statement on self-definition as being incomplete. He said the war could not end without the re-establishment of the violated rights of little and oppressed nationalities and Russia would insist on guarantees that their lawful

> Count Czernin Explains Count Czernin explained the opin-

ion of the central powers in a statement which he read at the second session of the peace conference at 10 clock Tuesday evening. His statement follows

The delegations of the allied (Teutonic) powers, acting on the cearly expressed will of their governments and peoples, will conclude as soon as possible a general peace. The delegations, in complete accord with the repeatedly expressed viewpoint of their governments, think that the basic principles of the Russian delegation

be secured to the peace the Germans are trying to make with Russia before alliance are agreed immediately to conclude a general peace without forcible annexations and turn of the German colonies now in They share the view of the Russian delegation which condemns the con-It can be stated authoritatively that tinuation of the war purely for aims of

"The statement of the allied (Teu into an agreement with a government statements have emphasized time and This would dispose they will not prolong the war a single that America would enter the confer- have unswervingly followed this view all the time. They solemnly declare their resolve to sign terms of peace to

All Allies Must Agree

obligate themselves scrupulously to adhere to the terms in common with the right of the stronger, after unpreall principles.

"The powers of the quadruple alliance, now negotiating with Russia, cannot, of course, one-sidedly bind themselves to such terms without having the guarantee that Russia's Allies with regard to the quadruple alliance Starting upon these principles and re-

negotiations, the following must be stated:

"Clause-Forcible annexation erritory as a result of the war does not enter into the intentions of the altral powers also favor a general peace lied powers. About troops now occupywithout forcible annexations and in- ing seized territories it must be stipudemnities. They could not bind them- lated in the peace treaty, if there is no agreement before, regarding the evac-

deprive the political independence of those nations which lost it during the

opinion of the powers of the quadruple alliance, be solved internationally. In this case it must be solved by each government together with its peoples n a manner established by the consti-

tution. with the declarations of the statesmen of the quadruple alliance, the protec-

"Clause 5-The governments also The question of the subjection of realize this principle in life when there nationalities who have not political is a material possibility of mutual re-independence of another country can-fusal, not only to refund war expenditures, but also to pay damages its people in the manner established belligerent would have to bear only the expense of its subjects made war pris-The protection of the right of oners and also to pay damages caused an essential part of the on their own territory to civil subjects of an adversary by deliberate violation meet war expenditures and pay dam- a special fund for this purpose, as sugages caused by the war, Count Czer-nin continued, each belligerent shall be discussed only in case other belligbear only the expense of its subjects erents join in peace negotiations be-

creation of a special fund for this of the German delegation in full accord with the Russian proposals regarding that, the following is declared:

"The return of colonial territories forcibly seized during the war constitutes an essential part of her demands which Germany cannot renounce under any circumstances. Likewise the Russian demand for immediate evacuation of territories occupied by an adversary onforms to German intentions. Having in view all the colony territories of Germany, the realization of the right of self-determination beside the above outlined considerations in the proposed by the Russian delegation is at present practically impossible.

The circumstances that in the German colonies, the natives, notwithstanding the greatest difficulties and the improbability of victory in a struggle against an adversary many times stronger and who had the advantages of unlimited import by sea. remained in the gravest circumstances faithful to their German friends may serve as proof of their attachment and their resolve by all means to preserve allegiance to Germany, proof which by its significance and weight is far superior to any expression of popular will.

The principles of economic relations proposed by the Russian delegation in connection with the above six clauses are approved wholly by the delegations of the small allied powers who always have denied any economic relations which are in accord with the interests of all people concerned, one of the most important conditions for bringing about friendrelations between the powers now engaged in war."

Self Definition Not Complete. Chairman loffe of the Russian delegation expressed gratification at the willingness of Germany to conclude peace on the basis of no annexations, no indemnities and the self-definition of peoples, but pointed out that the self-definition of peoples within the limits granted by constitutions as stated by German reply, was not com-

"Renouncing the application of the "It is necessary, however, to indicate gard to territories occupied during ate peace ground. They affirm that cedented bloodshed, shall be served with all its integrity within each of the countries with no regard for little and oppressed nationalities.

Nationalities Must Be Re-established. "The war cannot end without the without reservation being re-established. The Russian

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